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MITFORD AND LAUNDITCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1972

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1972.

The Rural District of Mitford and Launditch situated in mid Norfolk covers 102,371 acres, and comprises 47 parishes. Agriculture, with associated machinery production, is the main industry.

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area in acres	102,371
Estimated mid year population 1972	18,420
Estimated mid year population 1971	17,850
Rateable value at 1st April, 1972	£1,340,055
Estimated product of Penny Rate	£4,030

The estimated mid year population for 1972 was 18,420. This is an increase of 570 over the 1971 population. There were 288 births and 241 deaths, giving a natural increase of 47.

The birth rate - 16.7 - is above the national birth rate (14.8). There were 7 deaths under 1 year of age, 6 deaths occurred during the first week of life.

There were 12 illegitimate live births compared with 16 in 1971. This figure is 4.2% of all live births.



VITAL STATISTICS

	1972	1971	1970	ENGLAND & WALES
Live births	288	247	262	725,405
Live birth rate per 1000 population (adjusted)	16.7	15.3	15.7	14.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	4.2	6	6	9
Still births	3	3	6	8,794
Total still and live births	291	250	268	734,199
Infant deaths (deaths under 1 year)	7	9	5	12,494
Infant mortality rates: Total infant deaths per 1000 live births	24	36	19	17
Legitimate infant deaths per 1000 legitimate live births	22	39	21	17
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1000 illegitimate live births	83	-	-	21
Neonatal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1000 live births)	21	32	11	12
Early neonatal morality rate (deaths under 1 week per 1000 live births)	21	24	8	12
Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under 1 week per 1000 total births)	31	36	30	22
Deaths all ages	241	225	216	591,907
Death rate (adjusted) per 1000 population	10.1	10.0	9.2	12.1

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	3	4
" " Stomach	1	4	5
" " Intestine	2	5	7
" " Lung, Bronchus	11	3	14
" " Breast	-	4	4
" " Prostate	5	-	5
Leukaemia	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	10	6	16
Benign and unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	3	3	6
Anaemias	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	-	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	1	3
Ischaemic Heart Disease	34	18	52
Other forms of Heart Disease	7	9	16
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	17	28
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	6	8	14
Pneumonia	8	10	18
Bronchitis and Emphysema	9	2	11
Asthma	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	2	5
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	-	1
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary System	2	-	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
Congenital Anomalies	-	2	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	1	2
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	-	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents	3	3	6
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	4	-	4
All other external causes	1	-	1
	<u>132</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>241</u>

Ischaemic heart disease caused 21.6% and cancer 23.6% of all deaths. Almost one-quarter (24.6%) of deaths from cancer were due to cancer of the lung. The following table shows the deaths from Ischaemic heart disease:-

	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	Over 75
Male	1	3	6	10	14
Female	-	-	-	6	12
Total	1	3	6	16	26

There were 17 deaths under the age of 45 years and of these 7 occurred under the age of 1 year; 74.2% of deaths occurred over the age of 65 years and 53.1% of deaths over 75 years of age.

#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES:

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Measles	99	11	22	14	46
Scarlet Fever	1	5	3	1	-
Whooping Cough	4	16	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	1	-	1

#### IMMUNISATION SCHEMES

Immunisation against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough, poliomyelitis, measles, german measles and tuberculosis is offered by the County Council as the responsible Health Authority.



## IMMUNISATION SCHEDULES

In 1971 the immunisation schedules were changed. Primary immunisation against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus (Triple Antigen) is commenced in the sixth month of life, the second dose is given two months later and the third dose six months after this. This scheme gives adequate protection so the "Booster" injection of antigen 13 months after the primary course is no longer given.

A reinforcing dose of Diphtheria/Tetanus antigen given at the age of 5 years boosts the level of immunity. In the penultimate term a further reinforcing dose of tetanus toxoid is given to school leavers. It is advisable to maintain a high level of personal immunity in an area where agriculture is still an important industry.

### Number of children under sixteen years immunised against Diphtheria/Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

Type of vaccine	Course	BIRTH YEAR						Total
		1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-1968	Others under 16	
Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping Cough	Primary	2	97	36	4	3	-	142
	Reinforcing	-	3	-	3	7	-	13
Diphtheria & Tetanus	Primary	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
	Reinforcing	-	-	1	-	125	12	138
Diphtheria	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Reinforcing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tetanus	Primary	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
	Reinforcing	-	-	-	1	3	32	36

### Measles Vaccination:

Birth year	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-1968	Others under 16	Total
Totals	-	69	45	13	68	-	195

### Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Birth year	1972	1971	1970	1969	1965-1968	Others under 16	Total
Primary	2	96	36	2	3	-	139
Reinforcing	-	3	-	2	132	11	148

## TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

Number of persons on the register at the end of the following years:-

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Pulmonary      Male	23	23	23	23	23
Tuberculosis    Female	13	13	12	12	11
Total	36	36	35	35	34
Non-Pulmonary   Male	11	11	11	11	13
Tuberculosis    Female	19	18	18	18	19
Total	30	29	29	29	32
GRAND    TOTAL	66	65	64	64	66

### B.C.G. VACCINATION (against Tuberculosis)

No. of children eligible	54
No. of acceptances	48
No. of children heaf tested	43

### RUBELLA VACCINATION (against German Measles)

<u>Birth Year</u>	<u>No. vaccinated</u>
1957	1
1958	5
1959	15

## HOUSING:

12 Council dwellings were erected during the year and no Council dwellings were under construction at the end of the year 319 private dwellings were completed and occupied and 899 plans were submitted for approval under the Building Regulations 1965, 12 of which were in respect of estate development.

## The Factories Act 1937 and 1948

### Part I

#### 1. Inspection for purposes of provision as to health.

	Number on Register	Inspection s	Number of written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 and 5 are to be enforced by the local authority.	6	12	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	56	28	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority	-	-	-	-
Total	62	40	-	-



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Cases in which defects were found:-

	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	3	3		
Overcrowding				
Unreasonable temperature	1	1		
Inadequate ventilation				
Ineffective drainage of floor				
Sanitary conveniences				
(a) Insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1		
(c) Not separate for sexes				
Other offences against the Act				
Total	5	5		



OUTWORK

Nature	No. of out- workers in Aug. list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing lists to the Council.	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices	Prose- cutions
Making of boxes or other receptacles	1	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing apparel (making)	6	-	-	-	-	-

Finally, I would like to thank all members of the staff of the Rural District Council and of the Health Office without whose help this report would not have been produced, and also the members of the Public Health Committee and the Council for their patience and continued support.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

L.G. Poole  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.

MITFORD AND LAUNDITCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1972.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1972.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Public sewers are available in the built up areas of North Elmham, Litcham, Hockering, Shipdham, Mattishall, East Tuddenham and Yaxham.

It is the policy of the Council to allow householders on the line of any main sewer a reasonable time after it becomes operational to connect to same. After a date decided by the Council, the free weekly nightsoil collection and twice yearly septic tank emptying services are withdrawn. These services have been withdrawn in previous years from North Elmham, Litcham, Hockering, Shipdham, Mattishall, East Tuddenham and Yaxham.

### Middle Wensum Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme. (Swanton Morley including Woodcate; Lynq, Elsing (Mill Street and Fusty Weed); Bawdeswell.)

The contract was completed at the beginning of 1972, which was well in advance of the planned contract completion date.

### Tat Sewerage Scheme (Bintree, Twyford and Guist)

This scheme was brought into operation at the end of 1972.

### White Mill Sewerage Scheme (Beetley, Gressenhall, Wendling and Scarning)

The detailed revised submission was made to the Department of the Environment early in 1972 and received approval without delay. Tenders were invited and work commenced on the 1st August, 1972. The contract was divided into two stages, the first stage covering Wendling and Scarning and being of 12 months duration, while the second stage comprising Gressenhall, Beetley and Longham was for 15 months.

### Colkirk and Whissonsett Sewerage Scheme

This tender was advertised in December 1972, and work was due to commence early in 1973.

### Tittleshall Sewerage Scheme

At the end of 1972, design work was proceeding on this scheme, which had been brought forward in the list of priorities due to imminent estate development.

### Scarning Sewer Maintenance

During the winter months the overland section of Scarning Sewer still has to be flushed in an effort to ensure a free flow of drainage.



Every effort is made to persuade householders and owners of properties served by any sewer to connect, and to this end the Council are prepared to give improvement grants for the installation of modern amenities, or, alternatively, grants are given for the conversion of pail closets into water closets.

At the end of the year the position with regard to connections was as follows:-

	N.Elmham	Litcham	Hockering	Shipdham
Private properties connected	347	122	90	352
Council properties connected	85	70	60	155
Total properties connected	432	192	150	507
Properties existing when scheme designed (a)	241	211	91	309
Properties for which scheme designed (b)	309	290	109	415
Percentage connected in relation to design	140%	67%	137%	122%
Number which will be connected when all approved private and Council development completed	467	227	175	645
Percentage of design relative to approved development	151%	78%	161%	155%
Applications for closet conversions received during the year	-	-	-	-
Closets converted during the year	-	-	-	-



Upper Tud Sewerage Scheme:-	Mattishall	Yaxham	East Tuddenham	Scarning
Private properties connected	407	115	41	
Council properties connected	98	41	38	
Total properties connected	505	156	79	
	740			
Properties existing when scheme designed (a)	543			
Properties for which scheme designed (b)	1287			
Percentage connected in relation to design	57%			
Number which will be connected when all approved private and Council development completed	996			
Percentage of design relative to approved development	77%			
Applications for closet conversions received during the year	1	-	-	-
Closets converted during the year	2	-	-	-

Middle Wensum Sewerage Scheme:-	Bawdeswell	Bylaugh	Elsing	Lyng	Swanton Morley
Private properties connected	35	-	12	29	119
Council properties connected	12	-	-	12	6
Total properties connected	47	-	12	41	125

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NO DESIGN FIGURES ARE QUOTED AS SCHEME  
WAS DESIGNED ON POPULATION BASIS.

	Bawdeswell	Bylaugh	Elsing	Lyng	Swanton Morley
Applications for closet conversions received during the year	3	2	5	3	2
Closets converted during the year	-	-	3	-	-

When all the properties for which planning applications have been approved are connected to the sewers, on design Elmham will be 51% overloaded, Hockering will be 61% overloaded and Shipdham will be 55% overloaded. The extension of the sewage disposal works at these three villages was under consideration during the year and it is anticipated that firm proposals will be made in the ensuing year.

It has been common practice in the area for many years to allow the construction of septic tanks with the effluent soaking into the land by sub-surface irrigation. In remote positions, where only one property is involved and is situated in extensive grounds, such as an isolated farmhouse, this method may reasonably be adopted if the ground conditions are suitable and the discharge is remote from ditches and water supply. However, where such an installation is constructed in the back garden of modern development, with sub-surface drains connecting with, or laying very close to, a ditch, it is obvious that the highly polluted effluent from the septic tank can cause serious pollution and nuisance problems. It is held by authorities on sewage treatment that this method of disposal should not be permitted as it resembles the construction of a cesspool with an overflow which allows polluting liquor to pass into the surrounding ground.

The method of treatment advocated is that of passing the settled septic tank liquor over a biological filter. After such treatment, it is suitable for discharge to a ditch or, if this is not available, to a properly designed sub-surface irrigation area in suitable land. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government's "Memorandum on Principles of Design of Small Sewage Treatment Works" considers land treatment should only be adopted where the construction of a biological filter is not practicable and where the site of the treatment plant is sufficiently distant from dwellings. Because of the many instances in this district where septic tanks are causing concern, I consider that the general improvement in standards of sewage treatment should be extended to small installations and in future only septic tanks followed by biological filters be allowed for the treatment of domestic drainage.



## PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

The rural area is supplied by three Water Boards, the designated villages for each water undertaking being as follows:-

### North West Norfolk

Beeston with Bittering, Beetley, Brisley, Colkirk, Gateley, Hoe, Horningtoft, Kempstone, Lexhams, Litcham, Longham, Mileham, North Elmham, Rougham, Stanfield, Swanton Morley, Tittleshall, Weasenham All Saints, Weasenham St. Peter, Wellingham, Whissonsett.

### South Norfolk

Cranworth, Fransham, Garvestone, Gt. Dunham, Lt. Dunham, Hardingham, Scarning, Shipdham, Wendling, Whinburgh, Yaxham. Gressenhall is in south Norfolk but is supplied by the North West Norfolk Water Board.

### Norwich

Guist, Twyford, Bintree, Billingford, Foxley, Bawdeswell, Bylaugh, Sparham, Elsing, Lyng, North Tuddenham, East Tuddenham, Hockering, Mattishall.

## WATER SAMPLES

### PUBLIC SUPPLIES

5 bacteriological samples were taken from village water mains in current use and were all reported as being of excellent quality.

### PRIVATE SUPPLIES

It was not necessary to make any emergency arrangements due to the failure of private wells. During the year, 44 samples were taken, which were classified as follows:-

Wells	-	9 satisfactory
	-	16 unsatisfactory
Bores	-	19 satisfactory



### CLEANSING SCHEME

The Council operated a fortnightly house refuse collection and a weekly nightsoil collection service. Two free septic tank emptyings per financial year are also available in those localities not served by any public sewer. Properties on the line of any public sewer which have not connected to same can still, however, receive nightsoil servicing or septic tank emptying on a pre-payment basis.

During the year under review, the vehicle fleet consisted of 3 cesspool emptying machines, 1 being used for nightsoil collection, 1 for emptying septic tanks to private houses and 1 for emptying Council estate works and main sewage disposal units. The nightsoil vehicle which normally operates at night, is also, at times, used during the day to assist on Council owned works. In addition, there were 4 refuse collection vehicles.

The special refuse collection service was maintained during the year on a monthly basis.

On the 1st July a weekly refuse collection was instituted.

## Dustbins

On the 31st December, 1972, there were 1,295 Council dwellings in occupation, all of which were provided with a dustbin as part of their tenancy agreement. In addition, a hire scheme for private dwellings is available at an annual rental of 30p per bin. During the year under review, 8 were issued making a total of 556.

1,746 septic tanks were emptied in 1972, as against 1,816 in 1971. From 1949 to 1959 cleansing was done by contract, but since the 1st June, 1959 it has been carried out by direct labour. Notwithstanding the installation of sewers previously referred to, the number of septic tank emptyings showed little difference over last year. This is due to planning consents given for properties with septic tank drainage and any further increases might necessitate additional cesspool emptying facilities.

This is supported by the fact that each year a number of existing properties that are not on the line of any proposed main drainage scheme have septic tanks constructed. This means that these properties, being more isolated, take comparatively longer to service, as the operators spend more time travelling to and from the dwellings and to the tipping site.

The number of septic tanks emptied each year since cleansing has been operated by direct labour is as follows:-

1959	1,538
1960	1,697
1961	2,005
1962	2,124
1963	2,279
1964	2,054
1965	1,950
1966	1,867
1967	1,878
1968	1,874
1969	1,827
1970	1,779
1971	1,816
1972	1,746

Of the 1,746 serviced in the year under review, it is interesting to note that 1,503 emptyings were to private houses and 243 to Council houses, of which 80 servicings took place at Bawdeswell.

1,500 properties receive a weekly nightsoil emptying service and for the year under review 10,234 bins were being emptied from 6,150 properties.

HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Number of complaints investigated	...	76
Number of inspections and re-inspections	...	143
Number of moveable dwellings inspected	...	21
Informal requests to carry out work of repair etc.	...	19
Work completed as a result of above	...	16
Statutory Notices served	...	Nil
Number of houses considered incapable of being made fit at a reasonable expense	...	6
Demolition Orders made	...	Nil
Closing Orders made	...	1
Undertakings not to re-let accepted	...	5

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Number of houses scheduled in the Council's return to the Ministry in 1955	...	689
Number of houses added since that date	...	210
Revised Total		899
Number of houses removed from programme (Schemes of repair and renovation)	...	94
Number of houses to be dealt with officially	...	805
Number of houses dealt with to 31st December, 1971	...	672
Number of houses dealt with in 1972	...	<u>4</u>
Total dealt with to 31st December, 1972	...	676
Number of houses on programme at 31st December, 1972	...	129

The following is a summary of action taken since the Slum Clearance Report in 1955.

Families rehoused by Council	...	224
Families awaiting rehousing in condemned dwellings	...	46
Families who have found own accommodation	...	74
Elderly families to be left undisturbed	...	15
Vacant at time of official action	...	191
Council dwellings in course of construction at end of year	...	Nil
Number of houses actually demolished since 1955	...	278
Number of Closing Orders made since 1955	...	92
Number of Undertakings accepted since 1955	...	100



# IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Preliminary visits and consultation (both schemes)	1972	343
<u>Standard Grants</u>		
Total dwellings for which grant approved to date		795
Owner/occupied dwellings for which grant approved to date		547
Total dwellings for which grant approved in 1972		72
Total dwellings work completed to date		648
Total dwellings work completed to date - Owner/occupied		450
Total dwellings work completed in 1972		67
Value of grants approved to date		£182,261.71
Value of grants approved in 1972		£ 23,092.22

<u>Summary of Items</u>							
	Bath	Shower	Basin	Sink	Hot Water	W.C.	Building Bathroom
Proposed	684	-	708	146	713	751	322
Installed	600	-	613	90	623	654	255
	Septic Tank		Bringing in Cold Water			Food Store	
Proposed	385		169			341	
Installed	323		147			296	

Discretionary Grants

Total dwellings for which grant approved to date	...	492
Owner/occupied dwellings for which grant approved to date	...	191
Total dwellings for which grant approved during 1972	...	69
Total dwellings work completed	...	389
Total dwellings work completed - Owner/occupied	...	138
Total dwellings work completed 1972	...	41
Value of grants approved to date	£223,981.18	
Value of grants approved during 1972	£ 62,612.15	

## IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNCIL HOUSES

These continued during the year and on the 31st December, 1972 the position was as follows:-

### Summary of present position

Number of Council houses originally lacking amenities	...	419
Substandard bungalow at Litcham	...	1
Total number of Council dwellings lacking amenities	...	<u>420</u>
Less Council dwellings sold to tenants	...	14
		<u>406</u>
5 houses converted into 10 flatlets	...	5
		<u>411</u>

### Dwellings improved 1964

Sparham	8	
Wendling	<u>8</u>	16

### 1965

Litcham	23	
North Elmham	14	
Westfield	4	
Cranworth	<u>8</u>	49

### 1966

Hardingham	4	
Yaxham	10	
Great Dunham	2	
Shipdham	<u>54</u>	70

### 1967

Hockering (Mattishall Road)	6	
Gressenhall	<u>4</u>	10

### 1968

Elsing	8	
Hockering (Heath Road)	12	
Longham	<u>6</u>	26

Brought forward .. 171

Brought forward .. 257

Dwellings improved

1969

North Elmham	8	
(Broom Green)		
Wendling	2	
Lt. Dunham	8	
Gt. Dunham	3	
Mattishall	8	
(Norwich Road)		
Lyng	4	
(2 houses into 4 flatlets)		
		33

1970

Horningtoft	4	
Mattishall	4	
(Burgh Lane)		
E. Tuddenham	8	
Weasenham St.		
Peter	4	20

1971

Garvestone	12	
Stanfield	6	
Lt. Fransham	6	
Foxley	5	
Gateley	4	33

1972

Bawdeswell	9	
N. Tuddenham	9	
Swanton Morley	14	32

In Progress

Bawdeswell	5	
Billingford	4	
Bintree	6	
Guist	8	
Lyng	14	37

In Preparation

Scarning	28	
Beetley	4	
Gressenhall	4	36

362

Total completed and work in progress and preparation ... 362

Properties remaining to be dealt with ... 49

411

On 31st December, 1972, 1,295 Council dwellings were in occupation.



CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The permanent licensed residential site at North Elmham is still operating. In addition, there are six private caravan sites located in East Bilney, Hardingham, Beeston, Garvestone, Mileham and Worthing which are available for Caravan Club members only.

In 1972, there were 33 authorised caravans in the district.

No problems arose during the year in connection with itinerant caravanners carrying out fruit picking.

FOOD PREMISES

Number of food premises in the area	...	137
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Number of food premises registered under  
Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:-

(a) Ice Cream	...	70
(b) Sausages, etc.	...	10

Number of inspections of registered food premises	...	75
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Number of visits to other food premises	...	85
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There are no producers in the district under the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947-1952.

In the year under review only one complaint regarding foodstuffs was received. This concerned a bottle of pale ale which, on examination, was found to have a mould growth on its internal surface. The matter was taken up with the Brewery Company concerned on an informal basis and an assurance was given that the procedure for examination of bottles after washing would be revised so that such a problem should not occur in future.

## MEAT INSPECTION

For the second successive year, the total throughput of the four slaughterhouses in this rural district reached an all time record - 645 more animals having been slaughtered than ever before. This increase was not spread evenly over the different types of animals though for whereas 143 fewer cattle were killed, there was an increase of 550 pigs and 238 sheep slaughtered.

The animals passing through this district's slaughterhouses were of the usual high quality expected in this area and consequently little disease was found. Rejection of most of the unfit "meat" was due to parasitic infection and the presence of abscesses in livers and this causes considerable financial loss. There is still no noticeable reduction in the incidence of these conditions.

Difficulties sometimes occur at the slaughterhouse at Elsing due to the throughput on some days being greater than the hanging space available there. An extension of these premises which was approved several years ago will commence to be constructed early in the new year and, when completed, should overcome this problem and permit inspection of carcasses to be carried out with greater ease.

Regular joint inspections are made of the slaughterhouses with a veterinary inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and these visits help to ensure that the premises are maintained in a high standard of repair.

## POULTRY INSPECTION

There are two poultry processing establishments in the area, registered under the Slaughter of Poultry Act, 1967, and these still have a combined total annual throughput of approximately 250,000 birds. Time does not permit the regular routine inspection of poultry with existing staff available and the proprietors concerned themselves reject unfit birds.

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed and inspected	2,982	2,527	6,171	Nil
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis &amp; Cysticercosis:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	9	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	602	132	629	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis.	20.2	5.2	10.2	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil



In 1972, 11,680 animals were killed and inspected, an inspection increase over the 1956 figure of 10,993.

ANIMALS KILLED					ANIMALS INSPECTED				
Year	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Total	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Total	Percentage inspected
1956	444	1307	485	2236	227	314	146	687	30.72
1957	550	1431	573	2554	345	739	380	1464	57.32
1958	523	1395	624	2542	395	1037	479	1911	75.18
1959	493	1254	743	2490	493	1223	686	2402	96.47
1960	1877	1630	2540	6047	1873	1618	2528	6020	99.55
1961	2534	2385	2656	7395	2354	2385	2656	7395	100
1962	2619	2717	2882	8218	2619	2717	2882	8218	100
1963	3254	4197	2970	10421	3254	4197	2970	10421	100
1964	2901	4347	3080	10328	2901	4347	3080	10328	100
1965	2600	4737	2561	9898	2600	4737	2561	9898	100
1966	2745	5551	2629	10925	2745	5551	2629	10925	100
1967	2747	4281	2922	9961	2747	4281	2922	9961	100
1968	2674	5314	2906	10894	2674	5314	2906	10894	100
1969	2789	5529	2443	10761	2789	5529	2443	10761	100
1970	3031	4712	2553	10296	3031	4712	2553	10296	100
1971	3125	5621	2289	11035	3125	5621	2289	11035	100
1972	2982	6171	2527	11680	2982	6171	2527	11680	100



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Details of servicing carried out under the above Act are set out below.

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

1. Number of properties in district
  
- 2.a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification
  
- b) Number infested by
  - (i) Rats
  - (ii) Mice
  
- 3.a) Total number of inspections carried out at properties for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification
  
- b) Number infested by
  - (i) Rats
  - (ii) Mice

SEWERS

4. Were any sewers infested by rats during the year?

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
NON AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
5905	1233
415	8
375 40	8 -
4745	470
236 22	1 -
No	No

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following is a tabulated summary of the work carried out under the above Act during the year.

	Class of premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
REGISTRATION  AND  GENERAL  INSPECTIONS	Offices	1	22	10
	Retail shops	2	18	10
	Wholesale shops, warehouses	-	3	1
	Catering establishments open to the public	-	2	2
	Fuel storage depots	-	1	2
	TOTALS	3	46	25

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS MADE BY  
INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES = 72

## PETROLEUM ACTS

One new licence was issued and 113 renewal licences were made in connection with existing installations.

## FACTORIES ACT 1937 - 1948

76 visits were made to factories, and details of these and action taken in respect of these regulations are included at the end of the Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report.

Sewerage and sewage disposal and the cleansing scheme are administered by the Engineer and Surveyor. I would like to express my appreciation to him and members of his staff for the helpful co-operation in making available statistics as set out under these various headings.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE DAVIES

Senior Public Health Inspector.







